

APPENDIX A

# Public Involvement

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Comments received on the Draft EIS will be addressed in the Final EIS, expected in summer, 2002. When the Final EIS is published, BPA will provide everyone on the mailing list an opportunity to receive a copy.

Documents in this appendix include the following:

- BPA News Release distributed May 4, 2001
- Notice of Intent published in the Federal Register on June 12, 2001
- BPA letter to mailing list describing the proposed project and inviting recipients to the public meeting, mailed June 11, 2001
- BPA letter to mailing list describing some of the comment comments received during the public scoping process and explaining how they will be used in drafting the EIS, mailed October 22, 2001
- Benton County letter to Yakima County assuming lead agency status for the Maiden Wind Project dated May 3, 2001
- Benton County Determination of Significance and Request for Comments on Scope of EIS, dated June 11, 2001
- Benton County Conditional Use Permit Application and SEPA Environmental Checklist
- Amendment to SEPA Environmental Checklist dated June 12, 2001.

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## Wind Farm Blows into Mid-Columbia

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### Bonneville Power Administration

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: FRIDAY, May 4, 2001**

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**PORTLAND, Ore.** – The Bonneville Power Administration and Washington Winds Inc. announced today they are working together to develop and build a 150-megawatt wind farm that will generate enough electricity on average to serve more than 36,000 Northwest homes. The Maiden Wind Farm would be located about 15 miles north of Prosser, Wash., in Benton and Yakima counties.

"This is one of several wind projects BPA is looking to acquire," said BPA Acting Administrator Steve Wright. "Harvesting the strong, steady winds of the Columbia River Basin works especially well with our hydro power base," Wright said. "When the winds blow, we can save more water in reservoirs. When the winds are still, we can release the river's power. Wind farms add to our local renewable resources."

Washington Gov. Gary Locke said of the project, "The Maiden Wind Farm will help alleviate the current energy crisis and provide clean, renewable energy for Washington. And because a portion of the project is located on state land, it also will help fund our schools. It's a double win for Washington."

Under a predevelopment agreement, Washington Winds Inc. will secure the necessary permits for the wind farm. BPA will prepare an environmental impact statement. Public involvement is slated to begin this June, when BPA will invite landowners, citizens and governments to suggest issues that should be addressed in the EIS.

"We are excited about the opportunity to bring a world class wind ranch to the Pacific Northwest and provide clean, low-cost, renewable energy to enhance our quality of life which we have come to expect," said Rick Koebbe, president of Washington Winds Inc.

BPA will purchase 150 megawatts of power from the wind farm for 20 years with an option for up to another 250 MW if siting and environmental reviews prove successful. The first turbines could begin producing power in late 2002. Power would be integrated into the BPA power lines that already cross the project site.

Each wind turbine would produce approximately 1 to 2 megawatts and sit atop a 200-foot tower. The three-bladed turbines spin at 20 to 30 rpm and are easy to construct and maintain. Each \$1 million machine will have its own computer to keep the turbine facing into the wind for maximum efficiency.

"Wind power finally has traction in the Northwest. Today's announcement affirms that wind will be supplying several thousand megawatts of clean electricity to our region within the next few years. BPA deserves credit for realizing this potential sooner than almost any other regional player," said Angus Duncan, president of the Bonneville Environmental Foundation.

Chuck Dawsey, manager of Benton Rural Electric Association said, "Bonneville and co-ops need to work together to bring more cost effective renewable power resources to the region."

"This project is yet another example of BPA's significant leadership on wind energy and its commitment to bring new renewable energy resources to the Northwest," said Peter West, Green Program director for the Renewable Northwest Project, a regional environmental group. "We look forward to participating in the EIS process."

Gary Ballew, Benton County Sustainable Development manager, added, "The Maiden Wind Farm not only helps the local economy through the creation of 100 construction jobs and highly skilled permanent workers, but the addition of wind energy also supports Benton County's efforts to become a regional leader in energy production and energy research."

"This project will help build local infrastructure and expertise to enable the development of thousands of megawatts of wind generation in smaller-scale installations throughout the region – locally owned clusters or single turbines providing clean, affordable energy for irrigation, ranches and rural utilities," noted Heather Rhoads-Weaver of Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED). "Mid-Columbia may well become the hub for construction, operations and maintenance of satellite wind turbines across the Pacific Northwest."

Ed Prilucik, mayor of Sunnyside added, "Modern wind projects are a great way to diversify Sunnyside's economic base. This area of the state has an abundance of wind energy, and we welcome efforts to utilize the renewable resource in a manner that will add capacity and diversity to the Pacific Northwest's electrical distribution system."

Washington Winds Inc. is a subsidiary of Pacific Winds Inc., based in Boise, Idaho. The company owns and operates over 900 wind turbines in California.

#### CONTACTS FOR MORE INFO:

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Angus Duncan, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, (503) 248-1905;  
Heather Rhoads-Weaver, NW SEED 206-755-2064;  
Pete West, Renewables NW Project 503-223-4544;  
Ed Prilucik, Mayor or Dave Fonfara, City of Sunnyside, (509) 837-3997;

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Access at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 7909.

Dated: June 7, 2001.

**Thomas M. Corwin,**  
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
Elementary and Secondary Education.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Los Alamos

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Los Alamos. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, June 20, 2001, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hotel Santa Fe, 1501 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann DuBois, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 1640 Old Pecos Trail, Suite H, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone (505) 989-1662; fax (505) 989-1752 or e-mail: [adubois@doeal.gov](mailto:adubois@doeal.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

1. Opening Activities—6-7 p.m.
2. Public Comments—7-7:30 p.m.
3. Discussion on Community Communication and Coordination.
4. Committee Reports: Monitoring and Surveillance, Waste Management, Environmental Restoration, Community Outreach, Bylaws, Budget.
5. Other Board business will be conducted as necessary.

This agenda is subject to change at least one day in advance of the meeting.

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ann DuBois at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the

presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments at the beginning of the meeting. This **Federal Register** notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to the meeting date. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

**Minutes:** Minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 1640 Old Pecos Trail, Suite H, Santa Fe, NM. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Ann DuBois at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the Internet at: <http://www.nnmcab.org>.

Issued at Washington, DC on June 6, 2001.

**Belinda G. Hood,**

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee  
Management Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Nuclear Security Administration Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Closed Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the National Nuclear Security Administration Advisory Committee (NNSA AC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 10(a)(2) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, June 26, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, June 27, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Leonard (202-586-5555), Staff Director of NNSA AC.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Committee:** To provide the Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration with advice and recommendations on matters of technology, policy, and operations that lie within the mission and responsibilities of the National Nuclear Security Administration, as set forth in 50 U.S.C. 20402(b).

**Purpose of the Meeting:** To discuss national security research, development, and policy programs.

**Closed Meeting:** In the interest of national security, the meeting will be closed to the public, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 2 § 10 (d), and the Federal Advisory Committee Management Regulation, 41 CFR § 101-6.1023, "Procedures for Closing an Advisory Committee Meeting", which incorporate by reference the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552b, which, at §§ 552b (c)(1) and (c)(3) permits closure of meetings where restricted data or other classified matters are discussed.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting will be recorded and classified accordingly.

Issued at Washington, DC on June 9, 2001.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

Deputy Advisory Committee Management  
Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Bonneville Power Administration; Maiden Wind Farm Project

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** BPA intends to prepare an EIS on the proposed Maiden Wind Farm (Project), located northeast of the town of Sunnyside in Benton and Yakima Counties, Washington. Washington Winds, Incorporated (Washington Winds) proposes to construct and operate the 150- to 494-megawatt (MW) wind generation facility. BPA proposes to purchase the electrical output from the Project and to provide transmission services. The EIS will be site-specific as to the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the wind project itself, as well as all related transmission facilities. In addition, the EIS will take a broad programmatic look at the balance of the Project study area.

Benton and Yakima Counties, Washington, will be cooperating agencies because of their need to comply with the State Environmental Protection Act.

**DATES:** An EIS scoping meeting will be held at the location below on June 26, 2001. Written comments are due to the address below no later than July 13, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comment letters and requests to be placed on the Project mailing list to Communications, Bonneville Power Administration—KC-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon, 97212. The phone number of the Communications office is 503-230-3478 in Portland; toll-free 1-800-622-4519 outside of Portland. Comments may also be sent to the BPA Internet address: [comment@bpa.gov](mailto:comment@bpa.gov).

The scoping meeting will be held on June 26, 2001, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Prosser Senior Citizen Center, 1231 Dudley Avenue, in Prosser, Washington. At this informal meeting, Washington Winds will provide information, including maps, about the Project. Written information will be available, and BPA staff will answer questions and accept oral and written comments on the proposed scope of the Draft EIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sarah T. Branum, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621, phone number 503-230-5115, fax number 503-230-5699, email [stbranum@bpa.gov](mailto:stbranum@bpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background.** Currently, there is a shortage of electricity in the Northwest; this Project would help to alleviate this shortage. In addition, there is an increased demand in the electric utility industry to diversify energy portfolios and include energy produced by new renewable resources. The Northwest Power Planning Council's Fourth Conservation and Electric Power Plan recommends that Northwest utilities offer green power purchase opportunities as a way to help the region integrate renewable resources into the power system in the future. BPA has committed to increasing its supply of conservation and renewable resources to help meet load.

**Purpose and Need.** BPA is facing an era of growing electrical loads, increasing constraints on the existing energy resource base, and heightened customer demand for renewable resources. BPA needs to acquire additional renewable resources that will contribute to the diversification of its

energy portfolio and be available promptly to help remedy BPA's power supply issues. The purposes BPA would fulfill by addressing this need include:

- Protecting BPA and its utility customers against risk;
- Assuring consistency with BPA's responsibility under the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to encourage the development of renewable energy resources;
- Meeting customer demand for energy from renewable energy resources, thereby assuring consistency with BPA's Business Plan EIS (DOE/EIS-0183, June 1995) and Business Plan Record of Decision (ROD);
- Assuring consistency with the resource acquisition strategy of BPA's Resource Programs EIS (DOE/EIS-0162, February 1993) and ROD; and
- Meeting the objective in the January 2000 Strategic Plan of BPA's Power Business Line to acquire at least 150 average MW of new renewable resources by the end of fiscal year 2006 in order to meet customer demand for new renewable resources.

**Proposed Action.** BPA proposes to execute one or more power purchase and transmission services agreements to acquire the full electrical output of Washington Winds' proposed Maiden Wind Farm. This 150-to 494-MW wind generation facility would be located primarily in Benton County, Washington, 15 miles north of Prosser, and, to a lesser extent, in Yakima County, Washington, 10 miles northeast of Sunnyside. The proposed site is located on the southwestern slopes of the Rattlesnake Hills, which includes: portions of Sections 7, 8, 9, 10 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36, T11N, R24E, Benton County; portions of Sections 28, 30, 31, 33, T11N, R25E, Benton County; and portions of Sections 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, T11N, R23E, Yakima County; State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources public lands include portions of Sections 16 and 36, T11N, R24, Benton County; road access involves portions of Sections 14, 19, 20, 29, 30, T11N, R24E, Benton County and portions of Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36, T11N, R23E, Yakima County. None of the Project would be located on land owned by the United States. Land uses within the Project site consist of non-irrigated agriculture—primarily cattle grazing and dryland wheat farming.

Approximately 167 to 549 wind turbines would be arranged in several "strings," with approximately 250 to 450 feet between turbines in each string, depending upon the turbine size and topographical features. Washington

Winds is considering using turbines ranging from 900-kilowatt (kW) to 2,000-kW output each. The proposed turbine type would be an upwind, fixed-speed turbine (i.e., the rotor always faces upwind and turns at a constant speed), mounted on tubular steel towers installed on a reinforced concrete foundation. The typical operating range of wind speeds for these turbine types is approximately 9 to 65 miles per hour (mph). At speeds greater than approximately 65 mph, the wind turbines automatically cease operating and remain stationary until the wind speeds become slower. The height of the turbines will range from approximately 246 feet to 380 feet, depending upon the turbine size. Foundations would be either caisson or pad style, ranging from approximately 15 to 50 feet in width (depending upon turbine size) and extending 20 to 50 feet underground (depending upon turbine size) and/or anchored into bedrock. Agricultural activities can continue to take place directly adjacent to the turbine pads.

Power from all turbines in the Project would be collected by an underground and overhead cable system and then fed to one or two proposed substations to be located on the Project site. The fenced substation site(s) would occupy approximately two to four acres each. From the substation site(s), power from the Project would be interconnected to BPA's existing Hanford-John Day 500-kilovolts (kV), Midway-Big Eddy 230-kV, or the Midway-Grandview 115-kV transmission lines that transect the Project site. Other facilities required as part of the Project are small pad-mounted transformers located at the base of each wind turbine tower, access roads, and two or three operation and maintenance buildings. The Project is scheduled to begin construction as early as March 2002, followed by commercial operation as early as November 2002, and would operate year-round for at least 20 years.

**Process to Date.** An application for a conditional use permit for Benton County has been submitted, plus a conditional use permit application for Yakima County is in progress. Surveys for sensitive plant and wildlife species (including birds) were initiated in the spring of 2001. Scoping will help identify what additional studies will be required.

**Alternatives Proposed for Consideration.** The alternatives include the proposed action (executing a power purchase agreement with Washington Winds for 150 to 400 MW of electrical energy from the proposed Maiden Wind Farm and authorizing transmission over

BPA power lines), and the No Action alternative.

**Public Participation and Identification of Environmental Issues.** For other wind projects, noise, visual, and cultural resources effects, and effects on sensitive plant and animal species including migratory birds, have been identified as potential environmental issues. BPA has established a 30-day scoping period during which affected tribes, landowners, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. Scoping will help BPA identify the range of environmental issues that should be addressed in the EIS. When completed, the Draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment, and BPA will hold at least one public comment meeting for the Draft EIS. BPA will consider and respond in the Final EIS to comments received on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS is expected to be published in early 2002. BPA's subsequent decision will be documented in a Record of Decision. The EIS will satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on June 5, 2001.

**Steven G. Hickok,**

*Acting Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-442-000]

#### ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

June 6, 2001.

Take notice that on May 31, 2001, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective June 1, 2001:

Forty-seventh Revised Sheet No. 8  
Forty-seventh Revised Sheet No. 9  
Forty-sixth Revised Sheet No. 13  
Fifty-seventh Revised Sheet No. 18

ANR states that the above-referenced tariff sheets are being filed to implement recovery of approximately \$3.0 million of above-market costs that are associated with its obligations to Dakota Gasification Company (Dakota). ANR proposes a reservation surcharged applicable to its Part 284 firm

transportation customers to collect ninety percent (90%) of the Dakota costs, and an adjustment to the maximum base tariff rates of Rate Schedule ITS and overrun rates applicable to Rate Schedule FTS-2, so as to recover the remaining ten percent (10%). ANR advises that this filing also includes the annual restatement of the Eligible MDQ used to design the reservation surcharge. ANR also advises that the proposed changes would decrease current quarterly Above-Market Dakota Cost recoveries from \$4,003,607 to \$2,995,512.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EF01-2021-000]

#### Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration; Notice of Filing

June 6, 2001.

Take notice that on May 30, 2001, the Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) filed an amendment to its December 14, 2000 filing of its proposed 2002 Transmission and Ancillary Services (2002 Transmission) rates with

the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission).

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before June 14, 2001. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-437-000]

#### Chandeleur Pipe Line Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

June 6, 2001.

Take notice that on May 31, 2001, Chandeleur Pipe Line Company (Chandeleur) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to become effective July 1, 2001.

First Revised Sheet No. 7  
Second Revised Sheet No. 8  
First Revised Sheet No. 11  
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 19B  
Second Revised Sheet No. 27  
Second Revised Sheet No. 28  
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 29  
Second Revised Sheet No. 44  
Third Revised Sheet No. 45  
Second Revised Sheet No. 51  
Third Revised Sheet No. 52  
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 66

Chandeleur asserts that the purpose of this filing is to include, in its tariff, provisions relating to Chandeleur's authority to enter into operational